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33rd Annual Heritage Festival and Craft Show

COLUMBIA, MO - Listen, learn and see history as it comes alive at the 33rd Annual Heritage Festival, which will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. September 18-19 in historic Nifong Park. A wide variety of entertainment with more than 30 performances on three stages will be featured. Visitors will also learn about the mid 19th century strolling through an 1859 town of shopkeepers and townspeople. Artisans and tradesmen will be dressed in 19th century attire demonstrating their trades. The Festival will also feature a mountain man camp, a Lewis and Clark replica outpost and a cowboy camp with chuck wagons.

Entertainment will include music, dancing and storytelling. Featured entertainers include the Haskell Indian Nations Dancers; Joan Wells, women's champion trick roper; 3 Trails West Band; Professor Farquar - Medicine Man, roots music and Western swing, bluegrass, Cajun, blues, jazz, folk, a fiddlers' competition, and many local bands. On Saturday, ghost stories will offer thrills from 8-9:30 p.m.

The crafts area will offer the opportunity for shopping for handmade gifts. Children will enjoy numerous activities in the Fun for Young'uns Area and hayrides. Visitors may also tour the historic Maplewood Home and the Walter's Boone County Historical Museum.

The Heritage Festival is coordinated by Columbia Parks and Recreation and sponsored by Columbia Convention & Visitors Bureau Tourism Development Program, KPLA 101.5, KFRY 1400 and the *Columbia Daily Tribune*.

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